

INTERNATIONAL SEARCH REPORT

International Application No

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A. CLASSIFICATION OF SUBJECT MATTER

IPC 7 C12Q1/48

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B. FIELDS SEARCHED

Minimum documentation searched (classification system followed by classification symbols)

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Documentation searched other than minimum documentation to the extent that such documents are included in the fields searched

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C. DOCUMENTS CONSIDERED TO BE RELEVANT

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X	WO 01 44497 A (UNIV DUNDEE; ALESSI DARIO (GB); BIONDI RICARDO (GB)) 21 June 2001 (2001-06-21) page 58, line 1-3; claims 1,5,23,29,30,58 --- -/--	1-25

☒ Further documents are listed in the continuation of box C.

☒ Patent family members are listed in annex.

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Box I Observations where certain claims were found unsearchable (Continuation of item 1 of first sheet)

This International Search Report has not been established in respect of certain claims under Article 17(2)(a) for the following reasons:

1. ☒ Claims Nos.:
because they relate to subject matter not required to be searched by this Authority, namely:

Although claims 11-17, and 23-25 are directed to methods of treatment of the human/animal body, the search has been carried out and based on the alleged effects of the compound/composition.
2. ☒ Claims Nos.: 10-15, 18-20 (all partly)
because they relate to parts of the International Application that do not comply with the prescribed requirements to such an extent that no meaningful International Search can be carried out, specifically:
see FURTHER INFORMATION sheet PCT/ISA/210
3. ☐ Claims Nos.:
because they are dependent claims and are not drafted in accordance with the second and third sentences of Rule 6.4(a).

Box II Observations where unity of invention is lacking (Continuation of item 2 of first sheet)

This International Searching Authority found multiple inventions in this International application, as follows:

1. ☐ As all required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers all searchable claims.
2. ☐ As all searchable claims could be searched without effort justifying an additional fee, this Authority did not invite payment of any additional fee.
3. ☐ As only some of the required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant, this International Search Report covers only those claims for which fees were paid, specifically claims Nos.:
4. ☐ No required additional search fees were timely paid by the applicant. Consequently, this International Search Report is restricted to the invention first mentioned in the claims; it is covered by claims Nos.:

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- ☐ The additional search fees were accompanied by the applicant's protest.
- ☐ No protest accompanied the payment of additional search fees.

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Continuation of Box I.2

Claims Nos.: 10-15, 18-20 (all partly)

Claim 10 lacks clarity (Article 6 PCT) because in the absence of any structural feature of the claimed compound in the description or the claims, the skilled person cannot determine the scope of such a claim. Furthermore, an attempt is made to define the agent by reference to a result to be achieved, i.e., its identification by the claimed methods. Hence, the lack of clarity in the present case is such as to render a meaningful search of claim 10 over the whole claimed scope impossible. In a similar manner, claims 11-15, and 18-20 relate to methods and uses comprising an S6 kinase modulator or inhibitor compound without any structural feature. Thus, claims 10-15, and 18-20 have only been searched with respect to methods and uses comprising compounds or molecules specified in the description or the claims, i.e., with respect to antibodies, antisense molecules, ribozymes, and RNAs inhibiting S6 kinase activity.

The applicant's attention is drawn to the fact that claims, or parts of claims, relating to inventions in respect of which no international search report has been established need not be the subject of an international preliminary examination (Rule 66.1(e) PCT). The applicant is advised that the EPO policy when acting as an International Preliminary Examining Authority is normally not to carry out a preliminary examination on matter which has not been searched. This is the case irrespective of whether or not the claims are amended following receipt of the search report or during any Chapter II procedure.

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